because of non-availability of suitable vacancies. The number of appointments made on contract basis during the same period was 58.

(c) In the matter of appointments made on compassionate grounds, the Society follows the standing instructions applicable in case of the Central Government servants in accordance with which the number of appointments made in a particular grade on compassionate grounds cannot exceed 5% of direct recruit vacancies in that grade. On the other hand, the appointments on contract basis are made as a stop gap arrangement till the post is filled up on regular basis; hence, there is no specific quota prescribed for such appointments.

Increase in crime Rate

1429. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Crime more on streets, less on Paper", as reported in Statesman dated the 17th February, 2003;

(b) if so, whether according to National Crime Records Bureau, the crime rate in the country is rising marginally whereas a large number of crimes.

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the information compiled by National Crime Records Bureau, the total number of cognizable crimes under IPC reported in the country during 1999 to 2001 and crime rates during the same period are as under:

Years	Total cognizable crime Under IPC	Crime Rate
1999	17,64,629	178.90
2000	17,71,084	176.70
2001	17,73,009	172.64

(d) Although 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, the Central Government has been advising the State Governments from time to time, to give more focussed attention to the improvement of administration of the criminal justice system and to take deterrent punitive and preventive measures.

Global Action against terrorism

1430. SHRISURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to seek the assistance of other countries against terrorism;

(b) if so, the efforts made in that regard;

(c) the response from other countries for global action against terrorism; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) As a victim of terrorism, particularly cross border terrorism, for two decades, India has repeatedly called on the international community to give high priority to the fight against terrorism. India has been supportive of all international efforts, particularly in the UN, to combat terrorism and is fully committed to implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1373, dated 28 September, 2001.

(c) and (d) Many countries are appreciative of India's perspective and sensitivity to our concerns.

Financial help to militants lodged in jails

1431. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Pak money poured right into Tihar", as reported in Statesman dated the 8th February, 2003;

(b) if so, whether the separatist organisations active in the valley are providing financial help to militants lodged in Tihar Jail;